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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF RICHARD K. BANK, DIRECTOR,
OFFICE OF MARITIME AFFAIRS

REF: A) STATE 143191, B) WARSAW 4599, C) STATE 155869,
D) WARSAW 5609, E) BRUSSELS 9886, F) STATE 129181

1. PER REF C, RICHARD K. BANK, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MARITIME AFFAIRS, HAS RESCHEDULED HIS VISIT TO WARSAW FOR SECOND HALF OF WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12. ACCOMPANYING MR. BANK WILL BE REGINALD A. BOURDON, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES, MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (SEE REFS. A AND B FOR BACKGROUND).

2. BANK AND BOURDON, AT SUGGESTION OF EUR/EE AND BASED ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOP INVITATION, WILL TRAVEL TO POLAND FOR INITIAL MARITIME DISCUSSIONS AND WISH TO SCHEDULE SUCH TALKS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 (SCHEDULE WILL, HOWEVER, PROVIDE FOR AVAILABILITY AFTERNOON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 THROUGH NOON, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, SEE BELOW.) THEY INTEND THAT DISCUSSIONS COVER A NUMBER OF MARITIME POLICY ISSUES, INCLUDING AREAS FOR COOPERATION

AND ANTICIPATED HIGH-LEVEL SERIES OF MARITIME TALKS TO INCLUDE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF MARITIME AFFAIRS R. J. BLACKWELL, BANK AND BOURDON SOMETIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE SEPTEMBER TALKS WILL BE EXPLORATORY AND GENERAL IN NATURE.

3. TOPICS FOR SEPTEMBER DISCUSSIONS WOULD INCLUDE:

A) BULK AND LINER SERVICE TO THE U.S. (IN THE BILATERAL AND CROSS-TRADES) AND U.S. SHIPPING COMMUNITY ATTITUDES AND BELIEFS REGARDING STATE-OWNED (SOCIALIST) OPERATORS. (U.S. OPERATORS HAVE SOUGHT AND ARE SEEKING ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION TO OUTLAW QUOTE PREDATORY RATE PRACTICES UNQUOTE.) --

B. TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION, AS RAISED WITH U.S. MARITIME ADMINISTRATION (SEE REF F). THIS INVOLVES POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE EXCHANGES OF VISITS BY TECHNICAL EXPERTS IN THE BULK VESSEL CONSTRUCTION FIELD.

C. UNCTAD CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES.

D) UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING.

E) PORT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR POLISH VESSELS IN U.S. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PORTS--ESPECIALLY RECENT POLISH DESIRE FOR TWO-DAY REQUEST FOR ENTRY TO U.S. PORTS IN CARRIBEAN/US OIL TRADE. (FYI. WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT SUCH ACCESS CAN BE GRANTED. END FYI.)

F) OTHER POSSIBLE AREAS FOR MUTUAL COOPERATION AS PART OF MULTILATERAL SHIPPING APPROACHES AND OUR BILATERAL SHIPPING RELATIONSHIP.

G) DEVELOPMENT OF AN AGENDA FOR FUTURE BLACKWELL VISIT.

4. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE GOP OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE WHETHER DATES SET FORTH ABOVE ARE CONVENIENT. BANK AND BOURDON PLAN TO ARRIVE IN WARSAW ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 ABOARD PANAM NO. 044 FROM COPENHAGEN AT 1325 HOURS, AND DEPART FOR OECD MEETINGS IN PARIS ON AIR FRANCE FLIGHT 727 AT 1435 HOURS, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO MEET BANK AND BOURDON UPON ARRIVAL; AND RESERVE TWO SINGLE ROOMS WITH SHOWER (AT EMBASSY RATES IF POSSIBLE) AT FORUM HOTEL FOR NIGHTS OF SEPTEMBER 14-17, INCLUSIVE. BANK WOULD WISH TO HAVE EMBASSY OFFICER ATTEND ALL MEETINGS WITH POLISH

OFFICIALS.

5. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTED TO INFORM DEPARTMENT OF WHAT OTHER SUBJECTS GOP OFFICIALS WOULD LIKE TO RAISE.

6. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST EMBASSY REPLY SINCE VISIT TO POLAND WILL BE PART OF OTHER STOPS IN EUROPE.

7. RE EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE AND TELEGRAMS (INCLUDING REFS D AND E) REGARDING BARON VISIT TO WARSAW: BOTH MARAD AND DEPARTMENT ENDORSE HIS PROPOSED TRIP FOR MARKET DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES, BUT PREFER SUCH VISIT OCCUR AFTER COMPLETION OF BANK-BOURDON MISSION. VANCE
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